

AS BELOW NAMED INVENTOR, I HEREBY DECLARE THAT: This Declaration is of the following type:

☐ Original

☐ Supplemental

☒ Continuation-in-Part

I declare further that my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

### METHOD FOR PROVIDING VARIABLE OPTICAL ATTENUATION

the specification of which (check one)

☒ is attached hereto.

☐ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
as Application Serial No. on \_\_\_\_\_  
and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

I do not know and do not believe that the invention was ever known or used in the United States of America before my or our invention thereof; I do not know and do not believe that the invention was ever patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my or our invention thereof or more than one year prior to this application; I do not know and do not believe that the invention was in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to this application; I acknowledge my duty to disclose information of which I am aware which is material to the examination of the application; the invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of this application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by me or my legal representatives or assignees in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by me or my legal representatives or assignees more than six months prior to this application; and as to applications for patents of inventor's certificate on the invention filed in any country foreign to the United States of America prior to this application by me or my legal representatives or assigns:

☒ no such applications have been filed, or

☐ such applications have been filed as follows:

Prior Foreign Application(s)

Priority Claimed

<u>None</u>	_____	_____	_____
(Appln. No.)	(Country)	(Day/Month/Year Filed)	(Yes / No)

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35 USC 119(e)/ 120 of the United States application(s) listed below, and insofar as the subject matter of the claim of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35 USC 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37 CFR 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national filing date of this application:

Application Serial No.	Filing Date	Status (patented, pending, abandoned)
09/846,879	04/30/2001	Pending
60/262,262	01/16/2001	Pending
60/273,433	03/05/2001	Pending

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claim, as amended by any amendment referred to herein. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Sec. 1.56(a).

**POWER OF ATTORNEY:** As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. (list name and registration number)

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